

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-38 were pending in this application when the present Office Action was mailed (September 21, 2005). In this paper, claims 1, 4, 5, 9, 15, 16, 19, 20, 23, 24, 28, 34, and 38 have been amended, and claims 11 and 30 have been canceled. Claims 39-42 have been added. Accordingly, claims 1-10, 12-29, and 31-42 are presently pending in this application.

In the September 21, 2005 Office Action, claims 1-10, 12, 15-18, 20-29, 31, and 34-37 were rejected. Claims 11, 13, 14, 19, 30, 32, 33, and 38 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Specifically, the status of the application in light of this Office Action is as follows:

(A) Claims 34-38 stand objected to as allegedly having informalities;

(B) Claims 1-10, 12, 20-27, 29, and 31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,522,015 to Glenn et al. ("Glenn");

(C) Claims 1-7, 9, 12, 15-18, 20-28, 31, and 34-37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,847,105 to Koopmans ("Koopmans"); and

(D) Claims 11, 13, 14, 19, 30, 32, 33, and 38 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

### **A. Response to the Objections to Claims 34-38**

Claims 34-38 were objected to as allegedly having informalities. Claim 34 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Claims 35-38 depend from claim 34. Accordingly, the objections to claims 34-38 should be withdrawn.

### **B. Response to the Section 102 Rejection – Glenn**

Claims 1-10, 12, 20-27, 29, and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Glenn. Without commenting on or conceding the merits of the

Examiner's position regarding these claims, independent claims 1, 9, 15, and 20 have been amended to incorporate the features of allowable claim 11, and independent claim 28 has been amended to incorporate the features of allowable claim 30. Claims 4 and 5 have been amended to conform with claim 1, and claims 23 and 24 have been amended to conform with claim 20. As a result, claims 1, 9, 15, 20, and 28 are allowable over Glenn. Claims 2-8, 10, 12, 21-27, 29, and 31 depend from independent claims 1, 9, 15, 20, or 28, and thus are also allowable for the foregoing reasons discussed above and for the additional features of these dependent claims. Accordingly, the Section 102 rejections of claims 1-10, 12, 20-27, 29, and 31 based on Glenn should be withdrawn.

C. Response to the Section 102 Rejection – Koopmans

Claims 1-7, 9, 12, 15-18, 20-28, 31, and 34-37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Koopmans. Independent claims 1, 9, 15, 20 have been amended to incorporate the features of allowable claim 11, and independent claims 28 and 34 have been amended to incorporate the features of allowable claim 30. As a result, claims 1, 9, 15, 20, 28, and 34 are allowable over Koopmans. Claims 2-7, 12, 16-18, 21-27, 31, and 35-37 depend from claims 1, 9, 15, 20, 28, or 34, and thus are also allowable for the foregoing reasons discussed above and for the additional features of these dependent claims. Accordingly, the Section 102 rejections of claims 1-7, 9, 12, 15-18, 20-28, 31, and 34-37 based on Koopmans should be withdrawn.

D. Response to the Indication of Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 11, 13, 14, 19, 30, 32, 33, and 38 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claims 11 and 30 have been canceled, and thus the objections to these claims are moot. As discussed above, the rejections of independent claims 9, 15, 28 and 34 should be withdrawn. Claims 13, 14, 19, 32, 33, and 38 depend from claims 9, 15, 28 or 34. Accordingly, the objections to claims 13, 14, 19, 32, 33, and 38 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim should be withdrawn.

E. New Claims

New claims 39, 40, 41, and 42 correspond to allowable claims 14, 19, 33, and 39 rewritten as independent claims, respectively. As a result, claims 39-42 are allowable over the cited references.

F. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, the claims pending in this application comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112 and patentably define over the applied references. A Notice of Allowance is, therefore, respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or beliefs, a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned representative at (206) 359-6038.

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